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State Health Department Releases Guide to Nursing Facility Rates

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Health Care Data Committee recently released the 2007 *Guide to Nursing Facility Charges*. The publication contains a complete list of rates for every nursing home in the state and compares these rates to the statewide averages.

"The document is intended to help consumers make informed insurance and long-term-care purchasing decisions," said Fred Larson of the state health department's Office of Community Assistance. "It includes an index of facility locations and a list of key facility staff, as well as rates for all nursing homes in North Dakota."

The 2007 *Guide to Nursing Facility Charges* is available to the public at no charge, as are other publications designed to help consumers when choosing a nursing facility or alternative forms of long-term care. To request copies, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.2353. The *Guide* also may be downloaded from the department's website at www.ndhealth.gov. Click on "Topics A to Z," then scroll down to and click on "Nursing Facility Charges."

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